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April 15, 20xx

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CANADA

Dear Ms. Cousto,

Please accept this application for a \$40,000 (USD) grant to fund a study of the damage done to the Great Barrier Reef by the grounding of the vessel Xerxe5 in 20xx.

We believe that it is crucial to analyze and document such reef damaging incidents and publish results and recommendations for the benefit of the international community.

We believe the estimates we've enclosed will be valid for approximately six months. Any monies received but not actually expended for our study will be contributed to our nonprofit organization for further research. We hope to receive funding and begin our study soon.

Sincerely,

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Great Barrier Reef Damage Study

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DESCRIPTION

On April 4th, 20xx, the transport ship, Xerxe5, ran aground within the Great Barrier Reef natural refuge. Healthy Seas Forever is seeking funding to travel to the reef, gather data and perform experiments to determine extent of damage to the reef. Results will be used to assist the reef in recovery and how to prevent similar damage in the future.

We will contact you shortly to follow-up with this request as our window of opportunity to study the newly damaged site is very narrow.



PROBLEM STATEMENT

We have identified the following issue to be investigated:

What is the extent of the damage to the coral reef caused by the tanker collision?

On April 4th, 20xx, the transport ship, Xerxe5, ran aground within the Great Barrier Reef natural refuge. Although we know that damage was done to the reef and fuel was spilled, we do not now understand the extent of the environmental damage, so we cannot develop an effective recovery plan or make recommendations for avoiding this type of situation in the future.

See the Research section of this proposal for information about tasks to be carried out to resolve this question.





To determine the extent of the damage done to the reef by the grounding of the vessel Xerxe5, we still study the following data.

Existing data – We have the reports of the grounding accident, the reported position, the damage to the ship, and the estimates of lost fuel and cargo.

Collected data – We anticipate collecting more exact mapping data with our dive teams and research vessel, as well as up to 100 samples of surface plants/animals, up to 100 samples of sand in the damage area, and up to 100 samples of water taken near the surface of the reef. All samples will be examined and tested for contaminants.

Exact numbers of data and samples may vary because we do not currently have an accurate description of the extent of the damaged area. See the Mapping page for more information about how divers will create an accurate map and gather samples. See the Experiments page for more details on tests to be conducted.



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